



# ***COMMITTEE of the WHOLE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**  
**April 21, 2008**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Council Office**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

D. Sterner, S. Marmarou, J. Waltman, S. Fuhs, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, V. Spencer, M. Baez

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Younger, R. Hottenstein, L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, C. Sopka

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **I. Annual Zoning Report**

Ms. Kelleher noted that the MPC requires an annual zoning report to Council. Ms. Sopka and Mr. Hottenstein noted no reports had been made in the past. Mr. Hottenstein noted that there is no specific date and he has found no past reports.

Ms. Sopka questioned what type of information Council would like to receive. She noted that her database has been integrated into Hansen. She noted that she would need to work with IT to run the report.

Mr. Waltman questioned why Hansen did not have queries for staff to run their own reports. Mr. Hottenstein offered to have a representative from IT attend a future meeting and do a demonstration on the Hansen system.

Council requested the annual zoning report include the number of zoning cases, the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, the role of the zoning department and any concerns. The report will include 2007 and the first quarter of 2008.

## **II. Airport Land Sale**

Mr. Spencer reviewed new information on the biomedical research park. He noted the closing of the Reading Arrow. He questioned the significance of this closing on the project. He also questioned if a college was a legitimate partner or if it would be better to have a hospital.

Ms. Kelleher noted her attendance at a workshop concerning economic development. She noted a sister city who was working on a similar project with Hershey Medical Center. The moderator indicated an increased failure rate of this type of project without the support of a medical research center.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if the City has the expertise to make a decision such as this. Ms. Kelleher noted that during Mr. McKeon's presentation on the project it was stated that even if the project is a wash, the County will not have to make the Airport Authority's debt payments

## **III. Executive Session**

Council went into executive session to discuss litigation issues. The executive session ended at 6:35 pm.

## **IV. Development Projects**

The Neversink development project was discussed. Mr. Hottenstein will follow up on this project and report back to Council.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz reported her concern with increased dumping in this area. She questioned the status of the ownership of the land.

Mr. Fuhs questioned if the City is continuing to work with Giancesca. Mr. Hottenstein noted there is a meeting next week and Giancesca hopes to begin the project this June or July. Mr. Fuhs questioned who would be acting as moderator between Giancesca and Corrstacks. Mr. Hottenstein noted that the City would be acting in this capacity.

Mr. Fuhs questioned if Giancesca has approached the City for funding. Mr. Hottenstein noted that they had not.

There was discussion on the truck traffic for the Corrstacks project and the residential project by Giancesca. Mr. Hottenstein will contact Corrstacks on their anticipated truck traffic increase once their project is complete.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the continued problems with trucks hitting and getting stuck in the Laurel Street Bridge. Signs have still not been installed. Mr. Hottenstein will follow up on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk